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Sen. Patterson provides taxpayer guide

LANSING -- State Sen. Bruce Patterson is helping residents prevent income tax headaches by providing free taxpayer guides.

“Filing taxes is often the last thing people want to do this time of year,” said Patterson, R- Canton. “This free guide explains the ins and outs to new tax laws and other questions. It should help relieve some of that tax-time stress.”

The booklets are available at local libraries, township and city offices, senior centers, and other locations throughout Plymouth, Canton, Van Buren, Sumpter, Huron and Brownstown Townships, as well as Northville, Plymouth, Belleville, Flat Rock, Woodhaven, Trenton, Gibraltar, Rockwood, and Grosse Ile. They are also available at Patterson’s Lansing office.

The guide contains the latest information on Michigan income tax, property taxes, homestead property tax credits, Single Business Tax, and other related subjects, in a concise format. The booklet also includes sample filing forms and a list of phone numbers for assistance.

“People who can’t afford to hire a tax consultant, or prefer to do their own taxes, should use this booklet as a resource for their questions,” Patterson said. “It is being provided at no additional cost to those in need.”

Patterson vowed to stand against further increases in state taxes, and promised to look for any possible tax relief this legislative term. He also said he would work through the new budgeting procedure, “The Price of Government,” to ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent in the wisest ways, and Michigan’s people get “the best bang for their buck.”

For the nearest 2004 Michigan Taxpayer’s Guide distribution site, Patterson encourages constituents to call (866) 262-7307, or write to him at P. O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48909.

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